
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 7, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included 2010-2011 District Goals, revisions to the KPSAA elementary and high school handbooks, building roof repair proposed bond issue, and an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. The Board conducted a KPESA Grievance Hearing, the superintendent's evaluation and the Board's self-evaluation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that all of the District intensive needs students were certified by the state. He announced that for the 20th consecutive year, the District has won the Alaska Business Officials Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He provided preliminary test results noting improvement in math and reading and a small dip in writing. He noted that the District has 275 homeless students with the highest number living in Homer. He announced that over 10% of the District graduates now come from nontraditional high schools which supports the need for choice in education. He commended Mrs. Olson for an outstanding job standing in for Dave Jones while he was out of the office.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2010-2011 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2010.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-10-3: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the Registered Agent for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., from Dr. Donna Peterson to Dr. Steve Atwater.

REVISIONS TO THE KPSAA HANDBOOK: The Board unanimously approved proposed revisions to the elementary and high school Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association handbooks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the proposed K-12 Physical Education curriculum.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective on May 24, 2010, from Richard Metcalf, science/math, Kenai Alternative High School; and Nicholas Christensen, science, Soldotna Middle School.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-10-4: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 09-10-4, Opposition to Proposition 1, "An Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act".

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a request for unpaid leave of absence for Anne Ridgely, special education, Homer Middle.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Marsha Gustkey, Mountain View Elementary, and Mary K. Pfundt, West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Christopher Brown, language arts teacher, Homer Flex School; Jeremy McKibben, (temporary) Title I teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Sonya L. Selanoff, primary teacher .50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary, Nanwalek School; Barbara Larrivee, special education, intensive needs, Paul Banks Elementary; Deanne Pearson, math teacher/generalist, River City Academy; Benjamin Caswell, school psychologist, Seward Area; and Christie A. Cook, (temporary) intermediate teacher, Tebughna School.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for Stacy Naden, art (.50 FTE), Homer High; Patricia Haywood, intermediate (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), K-Beach Elementary; Steve Fischer, Vocational Education, Kenai Middle School; Kathryn Baum Fjelstad, language arts, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Barbara Denboer, language arts, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Bryan Hickey, math, Ninilchik Elementary/High; David Patat, science, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Eric Simonsen, music, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Amy Ware, Title I (temporary), Paul Banks Elementary; Chad Hinders, social studies, Seward High; Bethany Waggoner, art, Seward High; Jeffrey Wolf, Spanish, Seward High; and Christina Granger, pre-kindergarten (temporary .50 FTE), Tustumena Elementary.

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for David Larson, principal, Homer Middle; Lisa Callahan, principal, Nikiski North Star; and Dawn Edwards-Smith, principal/teacher, River City Academy.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 1251, 1252 and 1253 in the amounts of \$113,000, \$51,000 and \$135,000 respectively, to align budgets with anticipated current year expenditures of fuel, transportation contract costs and bus attendant costs for Home to School, Special Services and summer school bus routes in the Central Peninsula and Seward; and Number 1371 for \$66,345 to purchase AIMSweb and Ed Performance.

BOND ISSUE: The Board unanimously approved a request to submit two bond proposals to the Kenai Peninsula Borough electorate to pay for roof repairs at 18 District schools. The Board unanimously approved an amendment noting that each dollar amount is only an estimate. The final project costs will be determined once administrative costs, design fees and contingencies are finalized.

FY10 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved proposed changes to the FY10 general fund budget of \$126,345,205 and special revenue fund budgets of \$38,617,356 for a total of \$164,962,561 in all funds.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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